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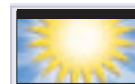
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Mars on Edmonton radar

Local professor key contributor to Phoenix Lander technology

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

A little piece of Edmonton that hitched a ride to Mars last summer has landed on the red planet and could help uncover the mystery of whether or not we're alone in the universe.

A wind sensor named Telltale that was invented at the University of Alberta was selected to accompany the Phoenix Mars Lander in NASA's first ever Scout Mission.

The rocket shipping the Phoenix launched last August, and finally on Sunday safely reached the northern arctic plains of Mars.

"The landing process was the most dangerous part of the trip," said Carlos Lange, a U of A professor who was a key contributor to the mission. "Thank God everything worked because we landed perfectly — actually, more perfectly than we expected."

Evidence suggests there was once water flowing on Mars, an indication to researchers that it might be able to sustain life, or might have once sustained it.

In its time on Mars, Phoenix will dig through the 10-cm topsoil layer to water-ice below and will collect samples for scientific evaluation.

Telltale will play an important role in the process.

It was built to study the effect of



NASA HANDOUT

This graphic shows an artists concept of what the Phoenix Mars Lander looks like after a successful touchdown on the red planet. University of Alberta professor Carlos Lange is shown in the inset photo.

wind on the water cycle in the polar region of the planet and will help identify zones that could sustain life.

"The habitability is the question we want to ask," Lange said. "We don't know if life will be there, but we want to be able to inform future

missions where they should look for life."

He added that in previous missions, all searches for life were done around the planet's equator, where the conditions are very dry, hot and not protected by the planet's ozone layer.

"We know things don't survive there, but protected by a layer of soil, they could survive," he said. "Life as we know it needs water. Can the ice on Mars maybe melt for a few days or even hours? These are the things we aim to find out."

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Motorhome joyride suspects arrive in court

Two suspects were in court yesterday after Grande Prairie RCMP were led on a merry 20-minute chase over the weekend by a vehicle that was tough to miss — a hulking \$100,000 motorhome.

Needless to say, the Mounties got their man ... and woman.

Two suspects were arrested Saturday night after the 40-foot recreational vehicle, valued at \$100,000, was stolen near a golf course.

jail time

» Theft over \$5,000 carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

Patrol officers, who were following up on a tip, noticed the runaway RV near the community of Wembley — about 20 kilometres west of Grande Prairie.

They tried to get it to stop.

The driver of the stolen motorhome continued to cruise through a number of rural roads before it ended at a dead end when the driver and a passenger took off on foot through "adverse terrain," Mounties said.

Police, however, were able to track down the pair a few hours later with the help of a police dog.

Hythe, Alta., residents Derek Pedersen, 35, and Bridgette Horseman, 35, are charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, operating a vehicle while evading police and mischief over \$5,000. Both appeared in a provincial courtroom in Grande Prairie yesterday. METRO EDMONTON

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A slain Ross Sheppard High School student will be remembered today and tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Services at 5311 91 Street. The funeral for the 17-year-old will be held on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church. METRO EDMONTON



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Man jailed for threatening premier

Labelle apologizes to Stelmach, family in statement

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

A construction worker who verbally menaced Premier Ed Stelmach, along with threatening to head to his farm to kill his cattle, apologized in a long statement posted on Facebook after being sentenced to a four-month jail term, to be served on weekends.

"I understand from watching the news that he and his family were 'shaken' by the

statement ... and for that I am truly sorry," said Ronald Labelle in the written 1,433-word statement that includes lengthy explanations about all three threats charges that he was sentenced for yesterday.

Labelle, 57, was stern-faced as he stood during Provincial Court Judge Fern LeReverend's ruling, which includes two years of probation and a 10-year ban from possessing firearms.

«I understand from watching the news that he and his family were 'shaken' by the statement ... and for that I am truly sorry.»

Ronald Labelle
in written statement

Since Labelle already served 16 days in jail before trial, he will only serve 90 days for the threats, along with convictions for 28-weapon charges after Edmonton police discovered nine rifles and five shotguns stored in a cardboard box at his home.

"Politicians must serve the public without fear of harm," said LeReverend. "You have threatened the premier."

Labelle said in his state-

ment on the social networking site that he was upset over an ongoing dispute with a trade union and heavy drinking only made things worse when he phoned the premier's office Sept. 7, 2007.

A secretary who worked in the premier's office earlier testified that she was so upset about the threatening call that she quit her job a week later.

In his public statement, Labelle also criticized the government for not "arresting" Finance Minister Iris Evans after comments he believed she made against construction workers for their refusal to work in "unfair



Ronald Labelle received was sentenced to four-months in jail for threatening premier Ed Stelmach.

conditions."

Labelle's son Brian told reporters outside the courthouse the case was given special treatment since it in-

involved the premier's office and that a special crown prosecutor was flown in from Calgary.

"Anyone who has threatened anyone in this province is probably laughing right now that they didn't receive a sentence remotely close to what he got," said Labelle's son.

Crown Prosecutor Shane Parker says the sentence sends the right message.

Tom Olsen, a spokesman with the premier's office, says there was no political involvement in the case, and Stelmach would not comment on yesterday's decision.

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Dunked Wet and wild at school sports day



George H. Luck principal Linda Inglis is soaked by students in the dunk tank event which crowned an afternoon of sports activities and games for the students yesterday.

Rising river leads to unsafe trails

By ANDREW COWIE
for Metro Edmonton

The height of the North Saskatchewan River is on the rise and low lying trails along the river bed might get closed off to due unsafe conditions.

Cara Van Marck, Alberta Environment Spokesperson, said that with the recent 40 to 70 mm of rainfall, the height of the river will raise about 1.5 meters overnight.

Working with the City of Edmonton, she said they

would be dealing with dangerous areas around the riverbed to limit the danger.

"There are some low line trails the city will [mark with] warning signs and people shouldn't go on them," she said. "It's important because the water can weaken the trail and become dangerous."

While the river is rising, Van Marck stressed that it would have to raise another four to five meters before really becoming a concern for locations like golf courses.

»news In Brief

» **GAS** NDP leader Brian Mason was at the Legislature yesterday, calling for an emergency debate on the price of gasoline. As fuel prices edge close to \$1.30 per litre, Mason said Albertans are struggling to keep up with the costs and that the government needs to make a

move to help people with the surging prices. If pushed to debate, the NDP press release said that Mason would argue for a number of options, including different methods to stop the rising cost of gas, rebates, and increased funding for transit systems. METRO EDMONTON



The legendary Ted Nugent will be hitting the stage at River Cree Resort and Casino on July 24. Tickets for the Nuge go on sale tomorrow and are available through Ticketmaster for \$49.50 and \$59.50.

METRO EDMONTON

Human body exhibit alarms cleric

Questions arise on respect for dead, archbishop says

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

The city's Catholic archbishop is reminding followers of the religion to have a critical eye when it comes to visiting the upcoming controversial Body Worlds exhibit, an educational show that includes human bodies that have been preserved in plastic.

Archbishop Richard Smith says the show, slated to begin at the Telus World of Science June 13, raises alarms among Catholics when it comes to human dignity and respect for the deceased.

"It's hard reconciling a principal of our faith with a

scientific practice that preserves the body indefinitely," said Smith during a telephone interview with Metro.

"It's not clear to me what is done with the bodies when this exhibit is done long term ... Whether or not the body is returned to the family for a proper burial."

The Body Worlds exhibit features 200 specimens that include organs and bodies that have been preserved using a process called plastination, which includes replacing all body fluids and fat with reactive resins and polymers.

Andrea Kuhlmann with the

Telus World of Science says an advisory committee was created several months ago that included several educational and religious leaders, including Smith,

"to help them be aware of the exhibit."

"We think it's healthy to have different viewpoints and you apply critical thinking because after all that's what scientific exploration is all about," said

Kuhlmann.

Kuhlmann says ticket sales for the show are on pace to exceed other venues that have already hosted the educational show.

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«It's hard reconciling a principal of our faith with a scientific practice that preserves the body indefinitely.»

Archbishop Richard Smith



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Children look at a human body that's been preserved through plastination for the Body Worlds exhibit. The show has the city's archbishop questioning the work in regards to human dignity.

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Family violence victim runs to raise awareness

By ANDREW COWIE
for Metro Edmonton

A victim of family violence is running the distance of two marathons to help raise awareness for domestic violence and to support the Domestic Violence Centre Initiative Committee.

The Fear Within run fundraiser will be done by city police officer Const. Gareth Scott, who said that his experiences with domestic violence growing up in London, England, were the reasons he decided to do the run all these years later.

"I wanted to do something positive out of a negative situation," he said. "You can either deal with it or get used to carrying it with you."

The run will be a total of 90 kilometres and was mapped out so that Scott would hit all corners of the city to show domestic violence

is something that can affect anyone.

Along with his sisters and his mother, Scott and his family received years of abuse from their father (also a police officer) and he said the family just went on a day-to-day basis with the abuse received.

"We were all in survival mode," he said. "(My mother) took the brunt of it."

Maureen Collins, co-chair of the initiative, said that Alberta had the highest proportion of women dealing with spousal violence in Canada

in 2004, as well that out of the 40 homicides in Edmonton in 2005, 10 per cent were domestic homicides.

"It's an issue that's crying to be dealt with," she said.

The Domestic Violence Centre Initiative is a community-based response that will connect new and already existing violence service agencies through various linking



BRIAN LEAHY/METRO EDMONTON

Const. Gareth Scott is planning a 90-kilometre run within the city to raise funds and awareness for the Domestic Violence Centre Initiative Committee.

programs. All funds made by the run will go directly to the initiative.

The run will start Friday May 30 at 6 a.m. and finish off at the same location between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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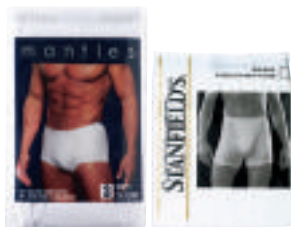
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Strong winds yesterday forced French parachutist Michel Fournier to delay plans to leap from a balloon 40 km above North Battleford, Sask. Fournier, 64, hopes to set four records — freefall altitude and speed, longest time in freefall and highest manned balloon flight — when he jumps today. **REUTERS**



Ukraine President Viktor Yushchenko, left, and wife Kateryna arrive with RCMP escort in Ottawa yesterday.

Ukraine says thanks

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko thanked Canada for its help and hospitality over the past century and urged closer ties between the two countries as the former Soviet republic struggles to assert its sovereignty.

In an address to Parliament that kicked off his three-day state visit, the leader of the 2004 Orange Revolution said he was "filled with tender feelings" when he touched down in Canada, home to 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians, many of whom fled their country to escape tyranny.

"For me, as for millions of Ukrainians, this country and this land is sacred," he told MPs, Senators and diplomats gathered in the House of Commons for the address.

The reverence was reciprocated for the democracy fighter, with several standing ovations, during his appearance and politicians clamouring to make his acquaintance.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ukrainian famine

» Today, MPs are expected to pass a bill recognizing the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 — the Holodomor, organized by Soviet leader Joseph Stalin — as an act of genocide.



B.C. Finance Minister Carole Taylor is joined by Rozanne Kipnes, left, co-chair Tikva Housing Society, and Luis Guincher at the Dany Guincher House opening in Marpole, B.C., yesterday.

B.C. funds new housing

Eleven families and individuals who are at risk of being homeless, are living in shelters or are disabled but independent, will have a place to live after the opening of a subsidized apartment in Marpole, B.C.

The Dany Guincher House officially opened yesterday at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Finance Minister and Vancouver-Langara MLA Carole Taylor.

Renovations of the three-storey building were funded by the Provincial Homelessness Initiative and the Tikva Housing Society.

Rozanne Kipnes, co-chair of Tikva Housing Society, said integrating support services with housing helps people move toward more secure housing, greater self-reliance and better employment.

METRO VANCOUVER

Bernier resigns post

Foreign minister steps down over document gaffe

Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier has resigned his high-profile post after he left secret cabinet

documents at the home of his girlfriend, a woman with past links to organized crime.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who for weeks denied that Bernier's love life was a security risk, last night announced that he had accepted Bernier's resignation.

Still, Harper told a Parliament Hill news conference that Bernier's relationship with Julie Couillard — and

her ties to biker gangs — were not a factor in his exit from cabinet.

"This is not to do with the minister's private life or the life of a private citizen."

But Bernier's departure came just a few hours before Couillard was about to go to

air on the French-language television station TVA to say that her former lover was careless with classified documents.

Bernier, who attracted the moniker "Mad Max" in government circles, himself said he "became aware" Sunday night that he had left classified government documents at a private residence.

"Prime Minister, the security breach that occurred was my fault and my fault



Bernier

Couillard tells her story

» During an interview aired last night on TVA, Bernier's ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard spoke of being invited to 24 Sussex Drive, attending functions at the Canadian embassy in Paris, and meeting U.S. President George W. Bush at a United Nations function in New York City. During the TV interview, Couillard held up an autographed photo and recalled that upon shaking her hand, Bush turned to Bernier and said, "Well, well, well, haven't you been keeping good com-

pany." Among the other key points of her interview: » She and Bernier met at a Montreal dinner party in the summer of 2007 through mutual friends, and their relationship quickly became intimate after he returned to see her later that same week » She also attacked Bernier's "lack of judgment" and respect, and that "he should have foreseen everything that would happen. ... He's the politician — it was his game, not mine."

alone and I take full responsibility for my actions," Bernier, 45, said in his resignation letter.

Couillard's lawyer notified the Foreign Affairs department about the documents on the weekend, and the ma-

terial was returned.

But opposition MPs last night were demanding an investigation into the extent of security breaches committed by Bernier, calls that will continue in question period today. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Stolen art could be melted down

It is not known if thieves who raided a Canadian museum plan to sell the precious art they stole or simply want to melt the jewelry down for its gold, police said yesterday.

The thieves who broke into the Museum of Anthropology in Vancouver over the weekend made off with 12 pieces of jewelry crafted by famed Canadian Haida artist Bill Reid, nearly all of which were made of gold.

The thieves also stole three gold Mexican necklaces, prompting fears from museum officials and Reid's widow that the art was destined to be melted down for its precious metal rather than sold to collectors.

The RCMP said it was too early to say what the exact motivation of the heist was. "It could be only for the gold. It could be (for the art) to be sold abroad. It could be



The Bill Reid sculpture, The Raven And The First Men, is shown in the rotunda where 12 pieces of the acclaimed artist's work were stolen this weekend.

to sell in local pawnshops," said RCMP Const. Annie Lin-teau.

Reid, who died in 1998, is

best known for his carvings, one of which, Spirit Of Haida Gwaii, is pictured on Canada's \$20 bill. **REUTERS**

energy

Irving Oil to study Fundy tidal power

TIDAL Irving Oil Ltd. will study the potential for a tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides, the company said yesterday.

Irving has teamed up with the non-profit Huntsman Marine Science Centre to conduct two years of research on 11 prospective sites near the north shore of the bay, which lies between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. **REUTERS**

resources

Countries meet to discuss Arctic

TALKS Officials from five Arctic coastal countries will meet in Greenland this week to discuss how to carve up the Arctic Ocean, which could hold up to one-quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and gas reserves.

Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States are squabbling over much of the Arctic seabed, and Denmark has called them together for talks in its self-governing province to avert a free-for-all for the region's resources.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

» news In Brief

» **CALGARY** An underground explosion shook Chinook Centre yesterday and sent a construction worker to hospital. Fire department spokesperson Jeff Budai said the blast could be felt two blocks away. "There was an old gas station there so they may have hit something

but whether they did their due diligence or not isn't known yet," Budai said, adding Occupational Health and Safety is investigating. The 22-year-old man was sent to hospital in stable condition.

» **SAFETY** A new review by Safe

Kids Canada finds collisions are killing 30 Canadian children each year, seriously injuring 2,412 more, and that for kids, chances for survival if hit by a car would drastically improve if drivers would limit themselves to 30 kilometres per hour on city streets. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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world



Home sales parties began with Tupperware, cleaning products and lingerie, although the latest shocking trend blazing a trail in the U.S. is Tasers. Originally only available in a law enforcement model, the so-called "Lady Taser" is made in nine different colours and patterns. REUTERS

China praises quake relief

Rapid response shows commitment to people: Party

China's ruling Communist Party said yesterday its rapid response to the Sichuan earthquake demonstrated its commitment to the people, but acknowledged that voluntary

groups might have a role to play in reconstruction.

Individual citizens raced to help party members, government officials and troops after the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan on May 12, killing up to 80,000 people and leaving 5 million homeless.

From taxi drivers ferrying the injured to hospitals to car



'quake lake'

» Chinese soldiers were working around the clock late yesterday to dig a giant sluice to ease pressure on a swelling "quake lake," with plans to evacuate 100,000 people to avert a new disaster, state media said.

clubs delivering supplies, the quake volunteers have such cachet that party members dispatched to the disaster zone also call themselves "volun-

teers."

Premier Wen Jiabao also won respect among the 1.3 billion Chinese watching the tragedy unfold on TV by rush-

ing to the scene within hours to encourage rescue workers and give hope to those trapped in the rubble.

The Communist Party's deployment of 17,500 officials and 2.2 million members who "faced danger and difficulty without retreating" to help survivors who "shed blood and tears without bowing

their heads" showed the value of its "people first" philosophy, said Ouyang Song, vice minister of the party's organization department.

Ouyang said non-governmental organizations could contribute to the reconstruction work as long as they did it legally and contributed to a stable society. REUTERS

Virginia Memorial Day



Amanda Doster, whose husband U.S. Army Sergeant First Class James Doster was killed in combat in Iraq in September 2007, holds their daughter Grace during Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., yesterday.

Israel has nuclear arms: Carter

Ex-U.S. president says nation has at least 150 weapons

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said Israel holds at least 150 nuclear weapons, the first time a U.S. president has publicly acknowledged the Jewish state's atomic arsenal.

Asked at a news conference at Wales' Hay literary festival on Sunday how a future U.S.

comments criticized

» A former Israeli military intelligence chief criticized Carter's comments and said they would do more harm than good.
» Carter visited the Middle East in mid-April

president should deal with the Iranian nuclear threat, Carter put the risk in context by listing atomic weapons held globally.

"The U.S. has more than 12,000 nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union (Russia) has

about the same, Great Britain and France have several hundred, and Israel has 150 or more. We have a phalanx of enormous weaponry ... not only of enormous weaponry but of rockets to deliver those missiles on a pinpoint accu-

racy target," he said, according to a transcript of his remarks.

While the existence of Israeli nuclear weapons is widely assumed, Israeli officials have never admitted their existence and U.S. officials have stuck to that line in public for years.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said Washington should talk directly to Tehran to persuade it to drop its nuclear ambitions. REUTERS

Filmmaker Pollack dies of cancer at 73

Hollywood filmmaker Sydney Pollack, who won Academy Awards for directing and producing the epic romance *Out of Africa*, died yesterday after a battle with cancer, his spokeswoman said.

Pollack, who also earned praise for his occasional work in front of the camera, was 73.

Spokeswoman Leslee Dart told Reuters he died at his home in the coastal Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades at about 5 p.m. local

time, surrounded by his family.



He was diagnosed with cancer about 10 months ago, she said, adding that doctors were never able to determine the primary source of the disease.

Pollack's other notable films included *Tootsie*, *The Way We Were* and *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Services will be private, Dart said. REUTERS

Mugabe would accept loss?

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe will respect the will of voters if they end his 28-year rule in a run-off election against opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, the state-run Herald newspaper reported yesterday.

Tsvangirai beat Mugabe in

the March 29 presidential poll but failed to win an absolute majority. His Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), which has accused the government of cheating in past elections, fears it will rig the results of the June 27 run-off. REUTERS

China Olympic torch relay



Children and their teachers wave flags from a window of a kindergarten classroom to welcome the 2008 Beijing Olympic torch relay in Taizhou, Jiangsu province, yesterday.

»news In Brief

» **ABUSE** Sexual abuse of children by aid workers and peacekeepers is rife and efforts to protect young people are inadequate, said a report published on Tuesday by the charity Save the Children UK.

» **CLASHES** Sudan is on the brink of a new civil war following

more than a week of north-south clashes in the disputed oil-rich town of Abyei, a senior southern official said yesterday.

» **PEOPLE** J.R. Simplot, the billionaire founder of the Boise, Idaho-based agriculture business that bears his name and who helped make French

fries a staple of the American diet, died on Sunday at the age of 99, officials said.

» **PANDA** China has recaptured a giant panda named Xi Xi that made a bid for freedom after a massive earthquake devastated the research base where it lived, the official Xinhua

agency said yesterday.

» **CRIME** An American tourist was killed by a train in a Rome station as he walked on the tracks in a state of confusion after being robbed by a man who offered him a cappuccino laced with drugs, Italian police said yesterday. REUTERS

business

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In a victory for BCE Inc., the Supreme Court of Canada suggested yesterday it may hear an appeal in three weeks of a lower court decision that threatens the \$34.8 billion buyout of the telecommunications giant.

REUTERS

Canada now a cashier nation

Country has more workers in stores than factories

Canada's red-hot retail industry employed more people than the beleaguered manufacturing sector for the first time last year, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada's retailers employed almost 1.79 million people last year to become the country's largest employer, pushing manufacturing out of first place by a slim margin of 5,000 jobs.

Canadian retailers are enjoying strong profit margins due to a stronger dollar, cheap Asian imports and an "effervescent job market," economists at National Bank Financial noted yesterday.

rising stars

» Retail sales grew fastest in home furnishing stores, gas stations and appliance and electronics shops. The three largest groups, new car dealers, supermarkets and general merchandise stores, all recorded below average growth rates.

But most laid-off factory workers see a job in retail sales "as a last resort" because of the low pay and long hours, said Dave Parker at the United Steelworkers job action centre in Toronto.

The average retail job paid \$14.87 per hour last year, roughly a third less than the average \$21.66 an hour manufacturing job, according to Statistics Canada's latest monthly payroll data.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Talisman shares up on Hong Kong report

China's No. 3 oil firm said to be in talks with company

Talisman Energy Inc. shares jumped 6 per cent yesterday after a Hong Kong newspaper reported CNOOC Ltd., China's No. 3 oil company, was in talks to buy the Calgary-based firm or some of its assets.

It comes a week after Talisman, Canada's third largest independent oil explorer, laid out details of an overhaul aimed at concentrating money and efforts on its highest-return assets around the world, a program that could mean up to \$2 billion in asset sales.

A Talisman spokeswoman declined to comment on the CNOOC report.

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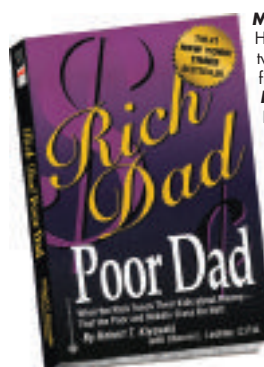


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American Ashley Harkleroad, left, currently ranked 61st in the world, has revealed she will appear nude in the August issue of *Playboy*. Harkleroad is the first pro tennis player to do a pictorial in the magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NBA

Pistons even up Eastern finals

PLAYOFF Antonio McDyess scored 21 points and added 16 rebounds as part of a balanced Pistons attack last night as Detroit defeated the Boston Celtics 94-75 to even the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Richard Hamilton added 20 points for the Pistons, while Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics.

golf

Furyk looking for Canadian 3-peat

ENTRIES Two-time defending champion Jim Furyk tops an early list of PGA Tour notables that confirmed their intention yesterday to compete for the 2008 RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont.

Furyk will be joined by Sean O'Hair, Retief Goosen, Fred Couples, Mark Cavendish, Chris DiMarco and Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames.

tennis

Venus, Federer move on in Paris

VICTORIES Venus Williams dropped a set but recovered to reach the second round of the French Open with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Israel's Tzipora Obziler yesterday.

On the men's side, world No. 1 Roger Federer overcame early trouble to ease to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over American Sam Querrey.

MLB

Ex-pitcher killed by lightning strike

ACCIDENTS Former major league pitcher Geremi Gonzalez was stuck by lightning and killed in his native Venezuela yesterday, according to an official.

The 33-year-old right-hander, who pitched for five MLB teams from 1997-2006, was hit by lightning at a beach. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Red Wings forward Valtteri Filppula scores a diving third-period goal on Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury last night during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit. The Red Wings beat the Penguins 3-0 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Penguins can't solve Osgood, Red Wings

Detroit posts 2nd straight shutout in Stanley Cup final

WINGS 3 PENGUINS 0

Chris Osgood made 22 saves for his second consecutive shutout as the Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit.

Osgood has been solid thus far in the final, stopping all 41 shots he has faced through the first two games to give Detroit a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Valtteri Filppula and Brad Stuart each had a goal and an

assist while Tomas Holmstrom also lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who are looking for their fourth Stanley Cup in the past 11 years.

Marc-Andre Fleury was charged with all three goals on 34 shots for the Pens, who are in the final for the first time since winning the Cup in 1992.

The series moves back to Pittsburgh, where the Pens are 8-0 this playoff season, for Games 3 and 4 with Game 3 set for tomorrow at Mellon Arena.

The Red Wings grabbed a 1-0 lead just 6:55 into the game. Filppula rushed the puck into the Pittsburgh end and dished it over to the right side for Stuart.

Filppula then charged the net and Stuart's blast from the top of the right circle got through Filppula's screen and past Fleury.

Detroit took a 2-0 advantage at the 11:18 mark when Henrik Zetterberg got a backhand on net that Fleury slowed down, but Holmstrom knocked the puck in just as it was about to cross the goalline.

The Wings grabbed a three-goal lead at the 8:48 mark of the third on a beautiful goal from Filppula, who skated down the wing, cut past Sergei Gonchar and as he was falling to the ice slid the puck past Fleury. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leafs' GM hunt getting serious

And so it is coming down to a pair of ex-NHL general managers, Doug Armstrong or Neil Smith, for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

After receiving formal rejections to their requests for permission to speak to a bevy of active front-office types about their GM position, the Leafs will launch their interview process within the next week with Armstrong and Smith. In fact, they may be the only two who get interviewed.

And sources who irrefutably are in position to know have told Metro that one of the two very likely will be hired before the end of June.

The sources also said Armstrong is the top candidate at this point because the Dallas Stars — whom he essentially built — were impressive in advancing to the recent Western final against the Detroit Red Wings.

Armstrong, son of former NHL linesman and scout Neil Armstrong, was the Stars' GM from 2002 until November 2007. A native of Sarnia, Ont., Armstrong served in different roles with Dallas over 17 years.

Smith, a Toronto native, was the New York Rangers' GM from 1989 to 2000.

» Dave Nonis, fired as the Vancouver Canucks' GM after the regular season and interviewed by the Leafs recently for a front-office job in which he would have been obligated to report to the new Toronto GM, will be hired this week as the new GM of either the St. Louis Blues or the Atlanta Thrashers ... Among the candidates whom the Leafs were forbidden by other organizations from pursuing were Detroit GM



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Ken Holland, Detroit assistant GM Jim Nill, Detroit vice-president Steve Yzerman, San Jose Sharks GM Doug Wilson and Anaheim Ducks GM Brian Burke. The Leafs are determined to play by the rules and therefore have given up efforts to pry any of the aforementioned five ... Also, two previous top candidates — executives Glen Sather and Bob Clarke of the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers, respectively — have been deemed too old by the Leafs and are no longer being considered by the Leafs' braintrust.

» In baseball, the Blue Jays' John Gibbons is no longer the best bet to become the first MLB manager fired this season.

The Seattle Mariners' John McLaren and the New York Mets' Willie Randolph are neck-and-neck these days for that dubious distinction.

» And a former major-league journeyman, pitcher John Parrish, is raising scouts' eyebrows with the Jays' Triple A affiliate in Syracuse.

The 30-year-old left-hander has gone 6-0 and has been dominating batters after being transformed from a reliever to a starter.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT

Game 2 — Last night
Detroit 3 Pittsburgh 0
Game 3 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6
*Game 5 — Monday, June 2
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6
*Game 6 — Wednesday, June 4
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6
*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6
(Detroit leads series 2-0)
(* — if necessary)

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

Name, team	G	A	P
Zetterberg, Det	12	10	22
Crosby, Pgh	4	17	21
Datsyuk, Det	9	10	19

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 4 — Last night
Detroit 94 Boston 75
Game 5 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Boston, 6:30
*Game 6 — Friday
Boston at Detroit, 6:30
*Game 7 — Sunday
Detroit at Boston, 6:30
(Series tied 2-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 4 — Tonight
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7
*Game 5 — Thursday
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7
*Game 6 — Saturday
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6:30
*Game 7 — Monday, June 2
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)
(* — if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore 6 N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago Sox 6 Cleveland 3 (12 ins)
Tampa Bay 7 Texas 3
Toronto 7 Kansas City 2
Detroit at L.A. Angels
Boston at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 7 Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 1
Florida 7 N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 4 Washington 3 (11 ins)
Philadelphia 20 Colorado 5

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 5:05
Chicago W. Sox at Cleveland, 5:05
Texas at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Minnesota at Kansas City, 6:10
Toronto at Oakland, 8:05
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 8:05
Boston at Seattle, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 5:05
Colorado at Philadelphia, 5:05
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 5:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 5:10
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 6:05
Houston at St. Louis, 6:15
San Francisco at Arizona, 7:40
Washington at San Diego, 8:05

»sports In Brief

» **CFL** The Toronto Argonauts signed two-time Super Bowl winning receiver Bethel Johnson yesterday. Johnson won the NFL championship with the New England Patriots in 2004 and 2005.

» **CFL** The Calgary Stampeders traded punter Duncan O'Mahony to the Edmonton Eskimos yesterday for a conditional pick in the 2009 CFL Canadian Draft.



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No need for that designer stroller

Q Dear Smart Cookies, my husband and I are expecting our first baby! We're ecstatic but already worried about costs. My new mom friends purchase so much for their babies and I'm worried that we will spend money we don't have, trying to keep up. Plus, I don't even have a realistic idea of how much we should spend in the first year.

- CARRIE R., TORONTO

A Hi Carrie, it only takes one look at a new mom cruising down the side walk with her Bugaboo stroller and Coach diaper bag to suddenly feel like you need the same. As if new moms don't have enough to worry



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As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy.

For safety reasons, we don't recommend buying used, but you don't have to spend a fortune. Ikea and Toys R Us both sell beautiful and safe cribs for \$250 or less.

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Your best bet is to invest in a new, safe stroller. You can find a stroller for around \$70. Consumer Reports suggests Safety 1st Acella Alumilite and the Evenflo Journey.

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Babies don't really need

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CLOTHES:

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A Greenpeace report has called video game consoles a "toxic menace," saying they contain chemicals that could affect memory and sexual development.

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Beauty labels decoded

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From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

Organic beauty products are so popular that, with high-profile designers like Stella McCartney leading the way, mass manufacturers are scrambling to jump on the organic beauty bandwagon. But don't be seduced by slick marketing campaigns and carefully phrased packaging using the words natural or pure to appear eco-friendly.

The use of the word natural is completely unregulated. Any manufacturer can toss a few plant-based ingredients into a product and call it natural, even if the product also contains toxic chemicals. Instead, look for beauty products that are labelled certified 100 per cent organic. They contain organic vegetable oils and herbal extracts that are not only richer in vitamins and nutrients but safer because they are not exposed to cancer-causing pesticides.

Also check the extraction method used to derive

the natural ingredients, as various extraction methods affect the efficacy of the ingredient. Oil or wax extraction from a plant using either chemical solvents or extremely high heat destroys the plant's botanical properties. Look for the words cold-pressed on labels — if they're not there, keep shopping.

Choose products that use essential oils as a natural preservative. Synthetic preservatives will give products a longer shelf life, but may contain carcinogenic ingredients. Essential oils have been extracted from the leaves and buds of flowers in a steam-distillation process and are truly natural.

Your skin absorbs over 50 per cent of the cremes and lotions you put on it. When shopping for beauty products, just think of this: if you wouldn't eat it, why would you smear it on your skin?

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How to read beauty product labels

» **100 per cent organic:** contains 100 per cent organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt).

» **Certified organic or eco-cert:** contains at least 95 per cent organic ingredients (excluding water and salt).

» **Made with organic ingredients:** contains at least 70 per cent organic ingredients.

» **Hypoallergenic:** products are less likely to cause al-

lergic reactions.

» **Alcohol-free:** contains no ethyl alcohol (or grain alcohol).

» **Fragrance-free:** product has no perceptible odour.

» **Noncomedogenic:** products do not contain common pore-clogging ingredients that could lead to acne.

» **Cruelty-free or no new animal testing:** implies that products have not been tested on animals.

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Centre: Green Apple Antioxidant Moisturizer, \$43 (2 oz.); available at Sephora.

Lush and The Body Shop products are well known for their natural ingredients. Clockwise from top right: Glow Enhancer Pink, \$15.50, The Body Shop; Chocolate Whipstick lip balm from Lush, \$8.95; new Cinnamon solid shampoo bar, \$9.95 (55g); Shimmer Buds eye colour, \$18.50, The Body Shop.

Diet may delay diabetes

Drinking less alcohol, eating more vegetables and exercising can prevent or delay the onset of diabetes, researchers said recently in a study showing that lifestyle changes can make a big difference.

Diet and exercise reduced the incidence of diabetes by about 43 per cent over 20 years among 577 high-risk Chinese adults, the researchers reported in the journal Lancet.

At the end of the 20 years, 80 per cent of those who changed what they ate and exercised more had diabetes, compared with 93 per cent who made no changes, said Guangwei Li of the China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing and Ping Zhang at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The findings came as part of a series of studies addressing new research about diabetes, which affects 246 million adults worldwide, and accounts for six per cent of all global deaths.

Type 2 diabetes accounts for about 90 per cent of all diabetes cases and is closely linked to obesity and physical inactivity. Type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disease often diagnosed at an early age.

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Sugar mammas take the lead

More and more women are taking a page from the lives of Demi Moore, Madonna and Cameron Diaz (be it their past or present) and reeling in those sexy, younger men.

And the men seem to enjoy a woman with a little more ... experience.

Fastlife, which offers specialized speed-dating events, is one of the many dating services that has become wise to this dating trend. Their Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events, which started in Canada just over a year ago, have become one of their most popular says the company's CEO and founder Justin Parfitt. These



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events are also their most successful in terms of matches.

"Generally, at an event where there are 20 people, you get maybe 17 or 18 people getting a match. There would be two or three people that didn't," he says. "But with these, we almost

always get everyone getting a match and getting a match with several people."

Parfitt says he notices a role reversal at these events, where the women take the lead, while the men follow suit.

"The women that attend are bolder. They are in control and able to express their preferences," says Parfitt. "While the men take on a slightly more feminine role. They are conscious that they are the younger ones."

Changing, it seems, are the days of the suave macho male taking care of his girlfriend's every desire. Or just older men attracting beautiful, young women with the promises of being taken care of.

More women are taking to the dating motto of Ivana Trump — Donald Trump's ex-wife and former match-maker of the reality show *Ivana Young Man* — and saying "I'd rather be a babysitter than a nurse."

But with such an acute



Anyone interested in taking a page from Demi Moore's book should check out speed-dating service Fastlife, which hosts Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events.

change in the roles of men and women in dating, it's little wonder that most of us are so utterly confused by the opposite sex. When it comes to dating, what was once, whether we liked it or not, clearly defined by our

gender, has now been turned on its head and we're left trying to catch up with the change.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.

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Text message break-up lines from Sympatico/MSN poll:

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2. 86ed Ur #: Eighty-sixed your number, ie. "We're just done."
3. H8 2 D8 U: Hate to date you, ie. "This feels wrong."
4. UR 2 good 4 me: "You are too good for me."
5. 2 much 2 soon: "This is too much, too soon."

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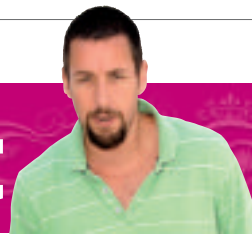
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Actor Adam Sandler, left, has announced that his wife, Jackie, is expecting their second child.

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CBC unveils fall lineup

U.S. game shows among new TV programming

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Edmonton

In the glare of the noonday sun beaming down into the atrium at CBC's downtown Toronto headquarters, the national network announced its slate of fall shows, a menu of tried and true returning shows, while new programming was mostly relegated to one-off specials and miniseries.

The presentation began with Richard Stursberg, the Corp's executive vice-president of English services, taking the stage after a brief filmed comic introduction by Manoj Sood of Little Mosque

on The Prairie. Stursberg said that the broadcaster is coming off "a great year — our best in a decade," and indulged in a little gloating over the network beating Global with a 7.8 primetime share, its best performance in over a decade.

That this past television season was also one where whole seasons of U.S.-made programs were virtually scuttled thanks to the Hollywood writers' strike wasn't mentioned, and with its almost entirely homegrown roster of shows, the CBC was able to sail through the year without resorting to reruns or lackluster last-minute substitute programming. The test will be seeing if the network can maintain its lead in the year to come.

Among the shows returning are comedies Little

Mosque and Sophie, as well as dramatic programming such as The Border, Heartland and British co-production The Tudors. The network's foray into reality programming — Dragons' Den, the entrepreneurial competition — is returning for a third season, as is the The Hour, its topical variety chat show, and Steven And Chris, its flagship lifestyle show. The Rick Mercer Report returns, as does This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Royal Canadian Air Farce, for its final season, which culminates in a New Year's Eve special.

The big news was the return of Ontario-born Alex Trebek to the network, with its acquisition of rights to the long-running game show Jeopardy!, which joins Wheel

Of Fortune, its other imported game show. Specialty programming includes a miniseries on the early career of Celine Dion, Everest, an adventure miniseries starring Jason Priestley and William Shatner, and India Reborn, a four-hour documentary on the surging economy of the subcontinent, by the same team that produced the network's well-regarded China Rises for the network two years ago.

Leafing through the binder handed out at the presentation, it looks like there's more new programming in children's television — two new shows, Animal Mechanicals and Mighty Jungle — than in all of CBC's primetime schedule. The Mother Corp is truly playing it safe this year, in apparent anticipation of its com-

mercial competitors failing to get their largely imported mojo back in working order.



Sophie returns to CBC this fall.

Television spinoffs are back in vogue



Frasier was a successful spinoff of Cheers.

The knock against television series used to be that shows essentially told the same story week after week.

But lately, networks have been trying to replicate entire series night after night.

From NBC's The Office to Fox's Family Guy, broadcasters increasingly are urging their best performers to produce offspring. The debut of Grey's Anatomy-inspired Private Practice last fall was only the start of the latest round.

Next season there's the still-unnamed The Office spinoff and Fox's Family Guy extension, The Cleveland Show, as well as Sci Fi Channel's Battlestar Galactica prequel, Caprica. Projects based on Fox's House and Prison Break also are in development.

"It's a simple financial equation," House creator David Shore said. "Something is working, they want more of it. If you can figure out a way to split it in half, they're

gonna go for it. It's really that simple, and I can't blame them. It's just a question of making it work."

Spinoffs are nothing new. The annals of television count more than 100 attempts to successfully spin off a show's character or concept. The 1970s in particular were spinoff boom years, when such hits as All in the Family and Happy Days spun off multiple shows.

By the '90s, however, spin-

offs had become much less common. Sometimes a network would spin off a dying comedy to fill a ratings void (such as when NBC's Cheers successfully spawned Frasier).

More recently, networks tried copying such crime procedural hits as NBC's Law & Order and CBS' CSI. The spinoffs worked partly because their parent shows had an episodic formula that was precisely replicated to fill multiple hours.

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music

Morissette battled eating disorder

PEOPLE Alanis Morissette's eating problems were triggered by a record executive calling her "fat," female-first.co.uk reports.

An executive called the her into the studio and told her she needed to go on a diet. "He suggested I was getting too fat, saying, 'You need to go on a diet.' My response was, 'But I'm a singer.' He said, 'Yes, well, you need to get small again.'"

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Laura Allen of TV's *Dirt*, left, is expecting her first child with her husband Bruce Weyman, her rep has confirmed.

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Turning horror into hip-hop

PEOPLE Sudanese child-soldier-turned-rapper Emmanuel Jal admits that he



had to tone down the lyrics of his new album, *Warchild*. "If I described everything I've seen and done, the record would be too harrowing," the 28-year-old says.

By the age of 8, Jal was fighting in the Sudan People's Liberation Army, carrying an AK-47 rifle bigger than he was. He escaped the SPLA when a British aid worker smuggled him into Kenya and sent him to school.

Warchild is Jal's third album but his international solo debut.

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Another throwback for Stallone

Rambo

Stars: Sylvester Stallone

Distributor: Maple Pictures DVD



LOOKING LESS bulked out than thickened, Sylvester Stallone pulls off the second part of a double play by reviving John Rambo for a fourth film, less than a year after adding a sixth installment to his Rocky Balboa franchise, both characters returning to the screen after a long hiatus.

With Rocky Balboa, Stallone's hand-dog protagonist returned for a bittersweet coda to the original films, but Rambo's return is a much grimmer affair, given resonance by a prescient choice of setting.

The film finds Stallone's Rambo living wordlessly in the jungles of Thailand, capturing snakes for tacky



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tourist shows, when a group of missionaries approach him to take them upriver into Burma where they're trying to help the Karen people, a persecuted minority under the Burmese regime.

"Are you bringing weapons?" he asks pointedly, and we know that, if they won't, Rambo will.

When the missionaries are captured by a ruthless unit of the Burmese army, Rambo goes back upriver again with a group of mer-

cenaries to perform a rescue mission, and for some reason these soldiers of fortune have no idea who's piloting their boat, though we all know they'll find out sooner or later.

By the time the credits roll, the body count has defied all efforts at tallying, and the pacifist missionary leader has gotten his own "first blood," so to speak, while a wounded Rambo surveys the carnage.

The ending suggests the possibility of a Rambo V, a likelihood I wouldn't bet against.

Besides a digital copy of the film playable on your iPod or media player, the bonus features include fea-

turettes on the production, the weapons, and the political context of the film, which erupted into relevance with last year's protests by Buddhist monks against the Burmese regime, and again with the aftermath of the recent cyclone.

Hopes that the film will publicize the cause of Burmese dissidents and the Karen rebels are probably optimistic, as action film fans aren't particularly known for their political activism.

Absolutely Fabulous

Stars: Jennifer Saunders

Distributor: BBC DVD



THE WHOLE of Ab Fab's intermittent 13-year run is contained in this padded silver book — all five seasons and three special episodes featuring the tawdry misadventures of Edina (Jennifer Saunders) and Patsy (Joanna Lumley), two middle-aged fashion

and status-obsessed Londoners unencumbered by either ethics or morality.

Ab Fab is proof of the first rule of comedy — the best examples of the genre require that we laugh at the protagonists, while being able to recognize our own worst qualities in them. This would explain the show's popularity both among fashion types and celebrities, many of whom swarmed the show in cameos by the time of its third season creative peak. Later series lag and misfire, as do the long special episodes, but inevitably recover whenever Saunders and Lumley are allowed to let their characters dominate the scene.

Probably a high water mark for British comedy, though it would have been more fondly remembered if fan enthusiasm hadn't inspired too many revivals.

Rick McGinnis has been writing about movies since you could still rent Beta tapes. He hasn't seen a western he didn't like.

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Rockers ringing up sales

Bands capitalizing thanks to popular video games

pendently verify these figures, and total downloads that include the PlayStation 3 version of the game were not available.)

By comparison, the same track received slightly more than 10,000 downloads via digital services like iTunes and Amazon, according to Nielsen SoundScan. That's a pretty big discrepancy considering that music bought via Rock Band can't be transferred to a portable music player or even a computer for later enjoyment. It can be played only via the game.

Tenth Street CEO Allen Kovac shrugs off the gap in sales between formats, pointing out that a sale is a sale. In an age of rampant piracy, reaching fans where

they are willing to spend money is the primary goal.

"We do research on every artist we have, and the research said that the people

who bought Motley Crue music and tickets play Rock Band and video games ... (so) it was our inclination to go there," he says.

"The resurgence of rock has happened because of Rock Band and Guitar Hero," Kovac says. "And the reason is because of the interaction with the audience. The more music marketing people look at interaction with the audience as opposed to only radio or a video, the more lasting the experience will be and the longer the artists' career will be."

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» In slightly more than six months, the number of songs downloaded to the Rock Band game has surpassed 10 million tracks, according to MTV Networks, while song downloads from Guitar Hero passed 15 million, according to Activision.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs, left, has put to rest speculation he is romancing Eddie Murphy's ex-wife Tracey Edmonds, insisting there is "nothing" between the two of them.

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Politicians the new comedy stars

ONE TV, ONE VOTE: No less than Time magazine printed a plea last week that the candidates in this year's U.S. presidential elections abjure the late night comedy shows that have seemingly been annexed to their increasingly broad campaign stump. They're talking about the frequent guest spots that everyone from democratic primary rivals Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama to Republican heir apparent John McCain to former candidates like John Edwards and Mike Huckabee have been making on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and, with a night that brought three Democratic hopefuls, former and active, together, The Colbert Report.

"But now that the most



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gag-filled primary season in history is lumbering to an end," writes Richard Zoglin, "I have a modest proposal: Cut it out! The comedy campaign has gone from novelty to inanity, damaging not just the great tradition of renegade political satire, but whatever shaky credibility is left in our political process."

Frankly, it reads like a pretty po-faced bit of opin-

ionering, especially from a guy who wrote a history of stand-up comedy in the '70s. Even for Time magazine, it has a prescriptive, finger-wagging tone that almost feels like a throwback to the mag's Henry Luce Booth era, when its editorial influence was certainly far more potent.

Here in Canada, despite the sleep-inducing tone of our political culture, we have a political class that's more than happy to make an appearance on comedy shows like The Mercer Report and This Hour Has 22 Minutes. Zoglin seems upset mostly because political satire has been mainstreamed, a far cry from the days when Mort Sahl or Lenny Bruce were the nation's preeminent political comics: "they hardly ex-



Barack Obama is one of a slew of politicians making television appearances on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and The Colbert Report.

pected, or wanted, the targets of their satire to show up onstage at the hungry (a legendary nightclub) and join in the laughs."

That was a long time ago, of course, and Sahl and Bruce have long been absorbed into the vocabulary of contemporary comics, not to mention the politicians' handlers, who are perfectly eager to book them on these shows. Time even gets it wrong with the

title of the piece: John McCain, You're Not Funny.

Quite the contrary — in his recent guest shot on SNL's Weekend Update, blithely gloating about the divisiveness of the Democratic primary race ("Go ahead — fight among yourselves") McCain showed comic timing that was a high point of the night's show.

HELLO (SIGH) CLEVELAND: Wired magazine's

Underwired blog has a sneak preview of The Cleveland Show, a Fox spinoff of Seth MacFarlane's cartoon sitcom The Family Guy. "Judging from the intro," they write, speculating on the show's content based on a montage scored to what one presumes to be the theme song, "this show looks to be more of the standard MacFarlane fare: A plethora of pop culture references, crass jokes and loads of toon nudity."

You've got to be in trouble when your core constituency — and geeky dudes have always been MacFarlane's crowd — can't summon much anticipatory wood for your show.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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French cinema hits another high

AWARD Critics hailed the first French victory at the Cannes film festival for 21 years, after the acclaimed classroom drama *Entre Les Murs* (The Class) won the Palme d'Or for best picture late on Sunday.

The triumph marked another high point for French cinema, which has already celebrated a rare best actress Oscar for Marion Cotillard and a home-made box office hit *Bienvenue Chez Les Ch'tis*, seen by about 20 million people.

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» BOX OFFICE Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull chased down \$311.1 million from moviegoers around the world, as nostalgic fans brought along their children to watch Harrison Ford's latest escapades, distributor Paramount Pictures said yesterday. The tally included \$151.1 million from the United States and Canada — the second-highest Memorial Day holiday weekend opening in history — and \$160 million from 61 other countries.

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	47	SPEED	417 406	Street Tuner	Low Life	Super Bikes!		The Spin With Steve Kouleas	Score Update	Score Update	Score Update	Street Tuner
cable variety	94	SCORE	410 403	Football Factories	Score Tonight	Score Tonight		1st Year	Archaeologist	It's Just Food	Help TV	
	9	EDACC	267 351	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	History/News	History/News		Fries That?	Mon. Warriors	Futurama	Shadow Raider	Falcon Beach
cable variety	14	YTV	552 543	Drake & Josh	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol		Beren. Bears	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Crazy Quilt
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Big Comfy	Rolie Polie Olie	Scooby-Doo	Futurama	Tripping the	Tripping-Rift	Robot Chicken
cable variety	42	TOON	555 545	Teen	Johnny Quest	George-Jungle	Road Runner	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoey 101	Life Derek	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Histoires-filles	Caméra café	La Grande Evasion	Fugitifs.	TYA 22 heures
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cable variety	29	FOOD	603 561	Chef School	At the Table	Kitchen Nightmares		Blue Murder	Trailer Park	Kenny-Spenny	CSI: NY	
	31	SHOW	617 522	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Prions"		Daily Planet	Smash Lab "Runaway Trailer"	Deadliest	Deadliest	
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	33	SLICE	601 527	Girls Gone Good (N)	Plastic-Perfect	Rockers Moms		Maxed Out	Style by Jury	Kim	Style by Jury	Good Naked
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cable variety	65	TLN	700 580	Rock the Cradle	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		MTV Live	Video on Trial	Video on Trial		
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critics' corner

Green Force

He's such a cad. That is, host Carson Arthur is a principal designer for CAD (Carson Arthur Designs); he's also a spokesman for Blue Planet, and in this series, he turns urban landscapes into green spaces. In the new episode "Community Garden," Arthur helps a group of people from all walks of life learn how to better manage their tiny communal garden. 8 PM on HGTV



MLB Baseball

"Go west, young man." The Toronto Blue Jays take that advice to heart this week when they embark on a nine-game road trip that takes them through two California cities. It begins tonight in Oakland, where they'll oppose Bobby Crosby and the surprising A's for three games, continues Friday in Los Angeles against the first-place Angels, and concludes next week with the Jays' second visit this season to New York. 8 PM on net

celebritybuzz

Book targets Courtney

Rocker Courtney Love's inner circle were so concerned with her alleged drug use they had her reconsider her pregnancy, PageSix.com reports an upcoming book as claiming.

In *Bumping Into Geniuses*, a memoir about the music business, Danny Goldberg, former CEO of Warner Bros. Records who also managed Nirvana, the band of Love's late husband Kurt Cobain, reveals how he and a group of Love's inner circle — worried about her alleged heroin use during pregnancy — plotted an intervention.

During a meeting in Los Angeles with a doctor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's chemical dependency program, the

doctor "tried to give clinical advice, suggesting to Courtney that it was not a great idea to have a baby while dealing with addiction," writes Goldberg.

That didn't sit well with Love, who was pregnant with Cobain's child.

"You're not telling me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion, are you?" asked Courtney, her voice rising with her trademark hostile whine. 'I mean, I'm pro-choice, but that doesn't mean that anyone has the right to tell me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion.'

"(He) suggested that it might not be safe for the baby, and Courtney, who was only six weeks pregnant, went into a confrontational mode. 'Is that a medical

fact, or is that just your opinion? I want to see it in a medical book.' She was interested in medical facts, not a sermon. (He) sheepishly acknowledged that at this early stage of pregnancy a woman could discontinue heroin use with no physical or psychological damage to the fetus. Courtney looked triumphant as she towered over the doctor seated at his desk."

Love is said to have stopped using heroin, and Frances Bean was born in perfect health on Aug. 18, 1992.

Love had no comment on the book, which is scheduled to hit stores in September.

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Nicole reaps award

Nicole Richie has won a parenting award, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The new mother received a Golden Pacifier Award from America's *Babytalk* magazine.

Richie gave birth to daughter Harlow, her first child with musician Joel Madden, in January.

"Honouring Nicole Richie with a *Babytalk* Golden Pacifier Award might come as a surprise to some, but we felt that she deserved some recognition for her turnaround since becoming a mom," said *Babytalk* editor-in-chief Lisa Moran. "She has grown up a lot since the arrival of little Harlow, and her creation of the Richie-Madden Children's Foundation has demonstrated her efforts to set a good example by shining a spotlight on important issues affecting today's families."

Before having Harlow, Richie spent time in jail during her pregnancy after being convicted of driving under the influence.

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New guy for Britney

Britney Spears reportedly has a new boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer made her first formal public appearance in months at a birthday party in Los Angeles on Saturday, accompanied by Jason Trewick.

Trewick, who, according to sources, has known Spears "for years" — has been growing closer to her since her recent holiday in Costa Rica.

Spears' father, Jamie, has reportedly given his blessing to the new romance, calling Trewick "a stabilizing influence."

A source told Britain's *Daily Mirror* newspaper: "Jamie thinks Jason would be a great match for Britney. She always had a thing for bad boys but now she realizes good guys can be attractive, too."

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Shop angers Tom

Actor Tom Cruise has slapped the owners of a top Los Angeles baby boutique with a cease and desist letter, accusing them of going public with purchases he and wife Katie Holmes have made, imdb.com reports.

Cruise's legal team has fired off documents to the bosses of Petit Tresor, warning them to stop talking to the media about private Cruise family matters.

According to the documents, obtained by TMZ.com, Cruise was particularly upset when store bosses allegedly leaked false information suggesting the actors have spent more than \$350,000 US on wardrobe items for their daughter Suri in the two years since her birth.

The lawyers insist no one at the store should "say anything (whether true or false) about Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes' shopping habits."

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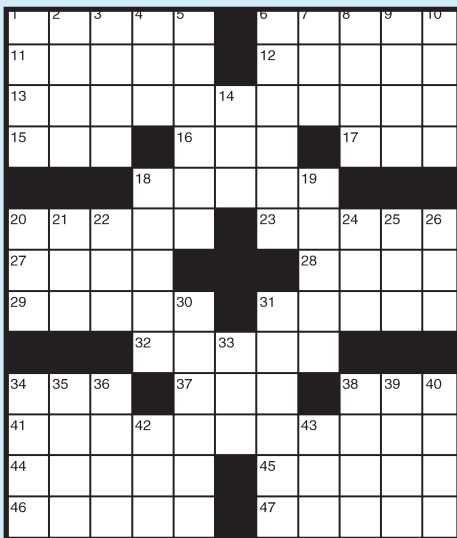
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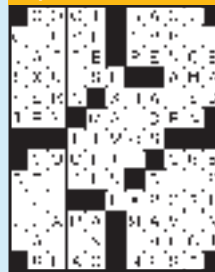
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| 5 Football team | 30 Shooting star |
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| 7 Will Smith film | 33 A pop |
| 8 Slimming plan | 34 Beige |
| 9 Qualified | 35 Penn or Connery |
| 10 Take the bus | 36 Closes |
| 14 Informer | 38 Doozy |
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| 21 Kids' card game | 43 Cereal bit |

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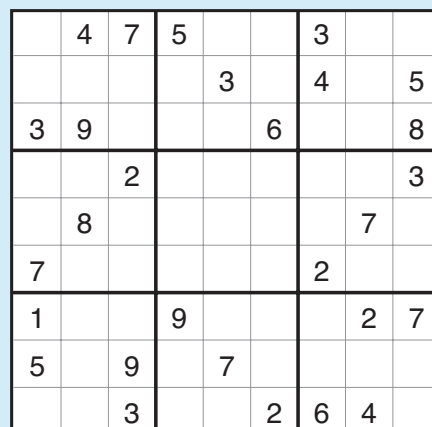
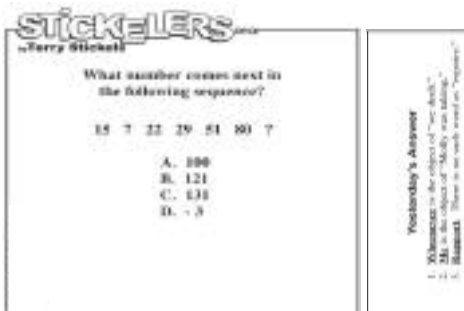
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solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
 13-17 minutes Scholar
 17-21 Smart
 21-25 Pretty good
 More than 25 Keep practising

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HOROSCOPE


ARIES | March 21-April 20

There's less resistance to the truth. A strange person isn't really that different. Your interest is sparked by an elder.


TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Limit restrictions on yourself when meeting someone. Fitness plans should go into action. There's an attraction to those who help you.


GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Closure is found in a relationship. A debate makes light of personal needs. Surprise someone into remembering their obligations.


CANCER | June 22-July 22

A fearful person may not be telling the truth. Find a clearance sale for bargains. Get grounded to answer a risky question.


LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Learn to let go for a friend. An authority figure will take a fall. Past wrongs can't be fixed because of a dreadful fear.


VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you wrestle with your self-doubt, you'll win. You're moving onto the fast track. There are benefits to making a confession.


LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Behave with dignity when forced to deal with nonsense. Purchase essential assets privately. A meeting brings you some fine benefits.


SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Behave conservatively at meeting. Someone will entangle you in pointless details. Good judgment is the winner near sunset.


SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A reprieve has a miraculous effect. You must thank those who give comfort. Beneficial ties can open closed doors.


CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A worthy helper needs a secret to be told. Balance your needs with group interests. Cultivate friendship when given options.


AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Promises are kept by a brunette. Someone shows the other side of an argument. A creative venture needs direction.


PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Be mysterious with a speaker. Someone will get in touch sooner than expected. Wise words will soothe thoughts.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 27, 1813: In the War of 1812, American forces capture Fort George.

May 27, 1907: A Bubonic plague outbreak begins in San Francisco, Calif.

May 27, 1937: In California, the Golden Gate Bridge opens to pedestrian traffic, creating a vital link between

San Francisco and Marin County.

May 27, 1999: The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands indicts Slobodan Milošević for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo.

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Edmonton weather

Afternoon



Sunny.
19°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 10°

Wednesday



Sunny.
23° / 10°

Thursday



Sunny.
26° / 10°



Friday



Showers.
20° / 10°

Temperature

Normals
High: 19.5°
Low: 6.4°

Records

High: 34.4°/1936
Low: -2.8°/1947

Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.
Sunset: 9:47 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:17 a.m.
Moonset: 12:33 p.m.

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